

09/437948

REMARKS

Claims 12, 19, 20 and 22-24 are allowed in this application. In response to a telephone call from Kay Pinkney of Quality Assurance on August 26, 2004, it was brought to the undersigned's attention that there was an error in the Cross-Reference to related applications and the chain of priority in the above-noted application. The error is the inclusion of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/139,477 within the chain. The claim to earlier filed parent application (U.S. Application No. 09/201,599), which was filed prior to the above-noted application and was co-pending at the time of the filing of the above-noted application, is correct. The above-noted application (09/437,948) is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/201,599. The inclusion of U.S. Application No. 10/138,477 in the chain of priority for the above-noted application was done inadvertently and does not affect applicants' ability to rely on the November 29, 1998 priority date of Application No. 09/210,599.

Applicants have accordingly corrected the priority claim by correcting the Cross-Reference to Related Applications section and by enclosing a Second Supplemental Declaration with a corrected priority claim. No new matter has been added by these amendments. In view of the foregoing Amendment and discussion, applicants respectfully request issuance of a U.S. Patent based on the Notice of Allowance and corrected priority information.

Respectfully submitted,

NANNING J. ARFSTEN ET AL.

By: 

LYNDAL L. CALDERONE

Registration No. 35,837

AKIN GUMP STRAUSS HAUER & FELD LLP

One Commerce Square

2005 Market Street, Suite 2200

Philadelphia, PA 19103-7013

Telephone: 215-965-1200

Direct Dial: 215-965-1272

Facsimile: 215-965-1210

E-Mail: lcaldерone@akingump.com

8/26/04
(Date)

LLC/LLC